1	2	3
3.	Non-test category Group 'D' employees may be included in Time Bound One Promotion as well as Biennial Cadre Review Schemes.	The Scheme of time Bound promotion is applicable to the basic operative cadres exclusive to the P&T Departments. All the cadres which are common with the other Departments of the Govt. of India such as Peons, Sweepers, Farash, Chowkidar, Watermen etc. (non-test category Group 'D' employees) were excluded from the purview of the scheme in view of its possible reparcussions in other Ministries Departments of the Government of India where such categories exist. However, in the Department of Posts, the non-test category Group 'D' employees (Pay scale Rs. 750-940) are getting promotion to the next scale of pay Rs. 800-1150) to the extent of 20% of sanctioned strength as well as in-situ promotion to the next higher scale of Rs. 775-1025 on reaching the maximum of the scale. In addition, the non-test category officials are also eligible to become Group 'D' (Test category) employees after passing Departmental examination and thereafter to Group 'C' posts as Postal Assistance/ Sorting Assistants, against 50% departmental quota. The Department of Telecommunications is implementing the scheme of promotion for Non-test category Group 'D' employees, as worked out by the Departmept of Personnel and Training.
4.	Reservation benefits may be extended to SC/ST converts to Buddhism.	The orders issued by the Minister of Welfare in this regard are applicable to the SC/ST converts to Buddhism in the Departments of posts and Telecommunications. The instructions have been circulated to the field units for implementation.
5.	The scheme of placing JTO in the Department of Telecommunications in the next higher scale of Rs. 2000-3500 should be applied in the case of SC/ST employees after they complete 8 years of service as against 12 years of service laid down for the employees under general category.	The Demand has been considered in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training. What the Assocation is referring to as promotion on completion of 12 years of service is, in fact, not a promotion but mere placement of the employees in the next higher scale without any change in the duty curriculum. Reservations do not apply in such situaitons.
6.	Recognition of P&T SC/ST employees Welfare Association may be given and Trade Union facilities extended to it.	The P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Associaiton could not be recognised by the Department of Posts & Telecommunications as it did not satisfy the norms and conditions laid down for the purpose.

Determination of Seniority of Group 'A' Officers in P&T Department

99. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from SC/ST Senior officers of I.T.S. Group 'A' working in P&T Departments who were recruited through UPSC competitive examination, for fixation of their seniority as per MHA O.M. No. 9/45/60-Estt(1) dated 24th April, 1991;

(b) whether the seniority of all these officers has been corrected according to the above provisions;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when these cases would be decided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, representations were received in

response to show-cause notices issued to SC/ST Officers for change of their seniority.

(b) and (c) The original seniority of the officers in question was retained.

(d) The show-cause notices have been withdrawn.

Opening of New Electronic Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh

100. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will be Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long waiting list for telephone connections in the different towns and cities of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the manner in which Government propose to meet this long demand;

(d) whether Government are opening new electronic exchanges in Madhya Pradesh to meet the growing demand of telephone aspirants; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and the capacity of these proposed new electronic exchanges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Waiting List position as on 30.9.91 districtwise in Madhya Pradesh is given in the Statement *(see* below).

(c) As per draft 8th Plan proposals expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to provide by the end of the 8th Plan.

(i) telephones practically on demand in rural areas; and

(ii) to reduce the waiting period to within two years in larger systems.

Accordingly, the above waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively during the 8th Plan period.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Over 125 Electronic Exchanges are proposed to be opened in Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92. 42 exchanges out of these have already been installed. These exchanges consist of a variety of exchanges ranging from small electronic Exchanges of 64 ports to large Digital Electronic Exchanges.

Statement

Sl. No.	District	Waiting list as on 30.9.91
1	2	3
1.	Balaghat	277
2.	Bastar	361
3.	Betul	322
4.	Bhind	548
5.	Bhopal	4937
6.	Bilaspur	1168
7.	Chhatarpur	280
8.	Chhindwara	582
9.	Damoh	302
10.	Datia	122
11.	Dewas	634
12.	Dhar	345
13.	Durg	3680
14.	Guna	494
15.	Gwalior	8479
16.	Hushangabad	453
17.	Indore	71807
18.	Jabalpur	7387
19.	Jhabua	138
20.	Khandwa	1304
21.	Khargone	720
22.	Kandala	161
23.	Mandsaur	938
24.	Morena	647
25.	Narsinghpur	186
26.	Panna	172
27.	Raigarh	239
28.	Raipur	4381
29.	Raisen	279
30.	Rajgarh	323
31.	Rajnandgaon	472
32.	Ratlam	1628
33.	Rewa	1316
34.	Sagar	1534
35.	Sarguja	552
36.	Satna	937
37.	Sehore	61
38.	Seoni	136
39.	Shahdol	407
40.	Shajapur	339
41.	Shivpuri	487
42.	Sidhi	286
43.	Tikamgarh	117